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Dear Art Teacher or Principal:

I am pleased to invite your school to participate in the 28th Annual Congressional Art Competition.

I will be sponsoring this annual art competition and exhibition for high school students who reside in Connecticut's 4th District at Housatonic College, the Beacon Hall on Lafayette Boulevard in Bridgeport.

Submitted artwork from across the district will be selected by jurors for inclusion in the exhibit at Beacon Hall from May 20th to May 27th. The winning entry will be displayed for one year in the United States Capitol alongside artwork from Congressional Districts throughout the country. **In addition, the runners-up in my competition will have their artwork displayed in my Congressional offices.** I hope that you will encourage your students to participate. All students who reside in or attend school in the 4th Congressional District are eligible to submit entries.

Participating students must complete the enclosed "Student Information & Release Form". This form needs to be completed and signed by the student and a faculty member and faxed to my Stamford office at (203) 323-1793 no later than Wednesday, May 13, 2009. The original of this form should then be affixed to the back of the artwork when it is delivered to the exhibition site. **Any student submitting his/her form after the May 13th deadline may be prevented from the participating in the competition.**

Our office will also be supplying round-trip transportation for the winner and two family members from the 4th District to travel to Washington, D.C. to see the display at the Capitol.

The guidelines for suitability and framing are enclosed. Please read the material carefully, as both Beacon Hall and the U.S. Capitol have specific requirements for hanging artwork. Information and forms are also available on my website: <https://www.forms.house.gov/himes/art-form.shtml>. Artwork may be delivered to Beacon Hall (with the "Participating Student Form: affixed to back of artwork): May 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in care of Robbin Zella.

I will be hosting an Awards Ceremony and Reception to honor all participants at **Beacon Hall on Friday, May 27, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** I hope that all participants and their families, teachers, principals and friends will attend to view this unique showcase for the talents of the area's young artists. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions, please contact my Stamford office, 203-323-9400.

Sincerely

Jim Himes  
Member of Congress